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SUBJECT: REPORT OF WORKING GROUP MEETINGS MARCH 26, 1975
(SALT TWO-579)

1. THERE FOLLOWS SUMMARY REPORTS OF TWO WORKING GROUP
MEETINGS OF MARCH 26, 1975.

2. DEFINITIONS WORKING GROUP: IN THE SECOND MEETING OF THE
DEFINITIONS AND SYSTEMS-TO-BE-INCLUDED WORKING GROUP (A-789),
GENERALS ROWNY AND TRUSOV MET FOR THREE HOURS AND DISCUSSED
SLBMS, ASBMS, ICBMS, AND HEAVY MISSILES.

A. AS TO SLBMS, TRUSOV PRESSED FOR DEFINING AN SLBM
LAUNCHER RATHER THAN AN SLBM, AND INDICATED THAT SINCE
LAUNCHERS AND NOT MISSILES WERE TO BE LIMITED UNDER THE
APPROPRIATE AGGREGATES IT WAS LAUNCHERS WHICH SHOULD BE DEFINED.
ROWNY PRESSED FOR A DEFINITION OF AN SLBM WHICH WOULD INCLUDE ALL
SLBMS ON NUCLEAR SUBMARINES AND ALL MODERN SLBMS. TRUSOV
AGREED, AD REFERENDUM TO HIS CHIEF OF DELEGATION, THAT AN SLBM
LAUNCHER INCLUDED ALL LAUNCHERS FOR SLBMS INSTALLED ON NUCLEAR-
POWERED SUBMARINES AND ALL LAUNCHERS FOR MODERN SLBMS IN-
STALLED ON ANY SUBMARINE REGARDLESS OF TYPE. HE SAID SUCH A

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DEFINITION WOULD BE HELPFUL TO THE DRAFTING GROUP AND WOULD

NOT PREJUDICE WHETHER OR NOT THE DEFINITION ITSELF WAS INCLUDED IN THE AGREEMENT.

B. AS TO ASBMS ROWNY ADHERED TO THE VIEW THAT THE 600KM LIMITATION ON ASMS APPLIED ONLY TO BALLISTIC ASMS CARRIED ON BOMBERS. TRUSOV CONTINUED TO ADHERE TO THE VIEW THAT THE TERM ASMS, AS USED IN THE AIDE MEMOIRE, MEANT ASMS OF ALL TYPES. DISAGREEMENT ON THIS SUBJECT OF COURSE CONTINUES.

C. AS TO ICBMS, TRUSOV CONTINUED TO FOCUS ON DEFINING LAUNCHERS RATHER THAN MISSILES AND PRESSED FOR CARRYING FORWARD VERBATIM THE INTERIM AGREEMENT DEFINITION. ROWNY PRESSED FOR THE SIMPLER 5500KM RANGE VERSION. TRUSOV INDICATED THAT A DEFINITION WHICH INCLUDED BOTH THE GEOGRAPHICAL DESCRIPTION AND THE RANGE MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE. ROWNY DISCUSSED HEAVY ICBMS, STRESSING THE NEED FOR INCLUDING SUCH A DEFINITION IN THE NEW AGREEMENT. TRUSOV DID NOT WANT TO DISCUSS THE MATTER AND PRESSED FOR CARRYING FORWARD VERBATIM THE AGREED INTERPRETATION AND COMMON UNDERSTANDING FROM THE INTERIM AGREEMENT RELATING TO INCREASES IN LAUNCHER DIMENSIONS.

3. NEXT MEETING OF THIS WORKING GROUP WILL BE AT 11 A.M., 3 APRIL 1975 AT SOVIET MISSION. SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION ARE HEAVY BOMBERS AND MIRV DEFINITION.

4. VERIFICATION WORKING GROUP: IN 2-3/4 HOUR MEETING AT SOVIET MISSION (A-790), VERIFICATION WORKING GROUP (MAY AND STOERTZ FOR U.S., SHCHUKIN AND BELETSKY FOR USSR) MADE NO OBSERVABLE PROGRESS. MAY GAVE DETAILED EXPOSITION OF REASONING BEHIND ICBM AND SLBM COUNTING RULES IN U.S. PROTOCOL, MAKING CLEAR THAT DATES IN PARAGRAPH 1(A) WERE TO LEAVE NO AMBIGUITY THAT ALL SILOS WHICH HAD BEEN NEWLY CONSTRUCTED OR ARE MODIFIED SO AS TO PERMIT INSTALLATION OF SS-17, 18 AND 19 MISSILES WOULD COUNT UNDER MIRV LIMITATION. HE ADDED THAT CERTAIN OTHER SS-11 SITES WHICH HAD BEEN MODIFIED IN WAYS U.S. BELIEVED DID NOT PERMIT INSTALLATION OF MIRVED MISSILES WOULD NOT COUNT IN THE 1320. HE ALSO DISCUSSED THE SLBM CLASS RULE, USING AS EXAMPLE THE CASE WHERE BOTH MIRVED AND UNMIRVED SLBMS FIT LAUNCHERS ON A GIVEN SUBMARINE CLASS.

5. SOVIET SIDE ASKED A FEW QUESTIONS FOR CLARIFICATION, BUT LIMITED ITSELF CHIEFLY TO REITERATING SOVIET POSITION THAT U.S. MIRV PRO-
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VISIONS DEALT WITH POTENTIAL RATHER THAN ACTUAL MIRV DEPLOYMENT AND WERE CONTRARY TO VLADIVOSTOK UNDERSTANDINGS ON FREEDOM TO MIX AND TO MODERNIZE. U.S. SIDE REMINDED SOVIETS THAT SOLUTIONS TO MIRV VERIFICATION ISSUES WERE NECESSARY FOR AN AGREEMENT AND REITERATED INVITATION TO SOVIET SIDE TO PROPOSE ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS.

6. BOTH TRUSOV TO ROWNY AND SHCHUKIN TO MAY SAID AT MARCH 27

PLENARY SOVDEL WOULD CARRY OUT INSTRUCTION TO REJECT DEFINITION
OF MIRVED MISSILE IN U.S. DRAFT (ARTICLE II,7). WHILE THIS
WOULD, OF COURSE, IMPACT ON OUR DRAFT PROTOCOL IT WAS NOT CLEAR
TO WHAT EXTENT THIS REJECTION WILL ALSO EXTEND TO PROTOCOL ITSELF.
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